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## **840 Cited for Speeding in First Month of Aggressive Driving Campaign**

**Dover** – In the first month of a statewide enforcement initiative to get drivers to “Stop speeding before it stops you,” Delaware law enforcement officers issued 840 citations for speeding violations, including 192 that were issued over the last week (July 28 – 31).

In addition to the 840 speeding citations, over the past month officers also made 14 aggressive driving arrests (which requires them to observe three or more traffic violations in one incident), 2 DUI arrests, and 16 other arrests for criminal offenses such as drug use/possession, and having outstanding warrants for prior violations. They also issued 534 citations for other traffic violations including offenses such as running red lights and stop signs, which are identified as individual aggressive driving behaviors.

Preventing speed-related crashes and fatalities is the new focus of the Office of Highway Safety’s 2008 “Stop Aggressive Driving” campaign, which OHS and law enforcement launched July 7th. Participating agencies include the Delaware State Police, the Dover Police, the New Castle County Police and the Wilmington Police.

In 2007, 62% of Delaware’s fatal crashes were caused by aggressive driving behaviors, with speed being the most frequently cited violation. Nationally, nearly 13,500 people died in speed-related crashes in 2006. Speeding is second only to DUI as the leading cause of traffic deaths in Delaware according to statewide crash data.

The speed focused “Stop Aggressive Driving Campaign is the third component of the 120 Days of Summer HEAT initiative, a summer-time crackdown on traffic violators. For more information on the “Stop Aggressive Driving campaign, visit the Office of Highway Safety website at [www.ohs.delaware.gov](http://www.ohs.delaware.gov).

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